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Maine Gets Chapter in Biological Fraternity

Phi Sigma Comes To U. of M.—Compliment to University

It was announced Tuesday on the campus of the University that a charter had been granted the University of Maine by the national biological fraternity Phi Sigma. This is an honorary fraternity similar in nature to the Chemical society Alpha Chi Sigma, and the journalistic society Sigma Delta Chi, who now have chapters at the University of Maine. The basis for election to any of these societies is general scholarship, but more particularly exceptional ability as shown through the work in the particular department especially considered by the society.

The granting of this chapter to the University of Maine is a particular compliment to the institution, particularly to the biological department. The fraternity only grants chapters to institutions where the standing of this department is on a particularly high plane, and the work of this department comes up to the high standard exacted by the society.

Election to the society is a particularly coveted honor wherever there are chapters of the society established. It has not as yet been announced at the University of Maine who the students are whose scholarship entitles them to election. This announcement is to be made just before the closing of school for Christmas it is expected, or early in the coming term. Installation is to take place it is expected now, during the month of January.

Sophs Present Captain Clark With Fine Camera

President Champion of 1919 Makes Presentation Speech Saturday Morning—Duty Sergeant Arrives

As a very fitting climax to the closing of two and a half years of successful work with the U. of M. military unit, the class of 1919 presented Captain Frank S. Clark with a fine camera at the lecture hour, Saturday morning. The presentation speech was made by Champion, president of the class, and in it he put all of the fine feeling that this class has shown toward Captain Clark throughout the fall. Nearly all of the sophomore class was present at the presentation, and at its close there were long, loud cheers for the one whose departure is looked upon with such sincere regret. MacBride, '19 led the cheering. When quiet had been restored, Captain Clark responded with a fine demonstration of the feeling that he has, and has had for his friends at Maine.

There can be no doubt in the minds of Maine men that Captain Clark has formed a circle of friends during his stay here of which he may well be proud, and there will always be a hearty welcome for him when circumstances permit him to return to the campus.

Boy's Club Here Dec. 20

On December 20, 21, and 22, the Boys Clubs of the entire state will send members to the University as is the annual custom. Most of the boys are of high school age and since many of them will enter college next fall, it is from them that the University will draw many of its future students.

Every effort is being made to make the University attractive to the boys and a program of entertainments has already been shaped. President Alely has asked the men of the dormitories to permit the use of their rooms as they will be here during the Christmas vacation.

Your boss isn't your enemy. Your own nasty temper is your enemy. If you would control your temper you would soon discover that your boss is a pretty decent sort of a fellow.

You may lack opportunities for being a hero, but there is always a chance to be a good workman, which is more important in the affairs of this world of ours.

Lectures Machine Gun Company

Dr. Young Explains "First Aid" Principles Saturday Morning

For the first two hours last Saturday morning, Dr. Young, physical director of the University, gave a "first aid" lecture to the members of the Machine Gun Company. More than a lecture, it embodied illustrative bandaging done on real patients. The Doctor covered the entire subject as thoroughly as the limited time would permit, dealing most emphatically on the various kinds of bandages, their application and uses.

On account of the storm and cold Captain Clark shortened his lecture on map reading, to a discussion of the subject with sketching. He enumerated the nine classifications which should be shown on all military maps, and gave instructions as to how to become familiar with these, and be able to comprehensively understand them.

Willard-Wight has been promoted to the rank of corporal and assigned to Co. G. in place of Ring, who has left college.

This week the only drill will be Tuesday morning, and will consist of competitive company drill. This will be for some time at least Captain Clark's last drilling of the University of Maine Regiment.

Alpha Chi Sigma Proves Able Host at Reception

Annual Entertainment Held in Aubert Last Wednesday—Students Present "The Alchemist"

Last Wednesday evening Xi Chapter of the Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity, held its annual reception in Aubert Hall. This reception was extended to members of the faculty and to all students majoring in chemistry or in pharmacy.

All laboratories in the building were open for inspection, and in some of these, various types of apparatus were set up. Some of these pieces of apparatus were shown in the process of manipulation, and the students run through procedures.

Shortly after eight o'clock the guests assembled in the large chemistry lecture room, to witness the performance, which turned out to be the biggest treat ever. The production enacted was an original pantomime called, "The Alchemists", and was written by Worthen E. Brown, chairman of the committee in charge of the entertainment.

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Technology Station Does Valuable Work

Phamphlets Issued of Value to Technical Workers.

Work in the University of Maine Technology Experiment Station is being continued this year with the same promising results as the work met in the last year. Bulletins are being issued to persons interested in the work being carried on from time to time. The latest bulletin, just off the press is "Tests on Corrugated Metal Culverts". Many valuable investigations are carried out here with a view to fulfilling the requirements for which the station was established to make investigations for the State boards, and Municipal authorities, furnish scientific information to the industries of the State, and to distribute accurate scientific knowledge to the people of the State. Professor Harold S. Boardman, Dean of the College of Technology is secretary of the Station.

A lot of men who have had experience don't do any better work than other men.

Viewing with alarm becomes less startling when a man makes it his life work.

Judge Dunn Gives Review Life Hannibal Hamlin

General Lecture Course Hears of Work of Maine's Vice-President

On Wednesday afternoon, Judge C. J. Dunn, treasurer of the University, delivered an excellent address to the class in General Lecture on the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, the first president of the board of trustees of Maine, his alma mater, and later Vice-President of the United States under Lincoln.

Hannibal Hamlin, a lover of his country and fellow men, and a shining example of good citizenship, was an American, without any qualifying adjectives. Both he and Abraham Lincoln, with whose name he is associated and under whom he served as Vice-President during the nation's most critical period lived for the good of others and both knew how to present a great question in a most convincing manner.

Hamlin, who was a native of the town of Hampden, went to a Maine Law School where he had well developed ideas on the weightiest questions of the time—slavery. He entered political circles as a young man, always championing the side which stood for the betterment of humanity. At first his sphere of popularity was limited to the town of Hampden. It expanded to his congressional district, then thru the state and finally over the whole nation. He served as a member of the state legislature, of the National Congress and his public esteem brought him the position of Vice-Presidency.

The relations, both political and social between Lincoln and Hamlin were close and cordial, and each respected the opinion of the other, regardless of the difference in view that either might hold from the other. Hamlin had marvelous political capacity, possessing a keen insight, foresight, and organizing ability. His entire life was devoted to things political and in these circles he was aggressive and ambitious. He died in Bangor in 1880 and his name will always remain among the nation's greatest statesmen and philanthropists.

Prof. Thompson's Articles on Maine to Appear

Coming of Germans to State of Maine will be Published in Sprague's Journal.

A series of articles written by Professor Garrett W. Thompson, head of the department of German at the University of Maine on the coming of the German people to the State of Maine are now being revised by Professor Thompson for publication in the 1917 numbers of Sprague's Journal of Maine History. This is a topic with which Dr. Thompson is very familiar, having spent much time a few years ago in investigating the matter for publication in one of the German magazines.

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Short Winter Courses Announced by Dean

College of Agriculture to Give Usual Courses for Four Weeks

Dean Leon S. Merrill of the College of Agriculture has issued the annual announcement of the short winter courses of the Department of Agriculture.

Commencing Monday, January 8, 1917, and lasting through four weeks, the courses in Dairying and General Agriculture will be given. The courses in Horticulture and these in Poultry will open February 5, 1917, and will close February 24, 1917.

Any person of fifteen or more years will be admitted to these short courses without examination. During the courses, one or more special lectures will be given each week. Included in the list of speakers will be successful farmers, experts in various lines and lectures connected with the University. No fees or tuition are charged for instruction in the Short Courses.

Prof. Bliss S. Brown Author of Two Books

Horticulture Faculty Man Presents Texts on Subject of Instruction

Professor Bliss S. Brown of the Horticulture Department has recently written two books on his subject of instruction. They are "Modern Propagation of Tree Fruits," and "Modern Fruit Marketing".

In the first, three important factors are promulgated. These practices of propagation which are in general use and which are accepted by the orchardist and commercial nurserymen as being the most important are treated at length. This book is intended to furnish in a condensed form, such information on propagation as will enable the general fruit-growers to follow out these practices.

Also an effort is made to follow rather closely the methods employed by the commercial nurseries and to contrast these with the similar operations of the orchardist. It gives the fruit grower who buys his nursery stock, something of the knowledge of the methods whereby it is produced. It gives the student a general knowledge of nursery work and how to apply it either to commercial or home use.

The second book named is a complete treatise covering harvesting, packing, storing, transporting, and selling fruit. The subjects of fruit harvesting, preparing the fruit for market, fruit packages, fruit packing operations, fruit storage, the effects of storage on fruit, transportations, fruit markets, selling agencies, selling methods, special fruit organizations, and fruit shows are dealt with in detail according to their relative importance.

Soph Calendars Arrive

Attractive in Black Leather Cover—Contain Many Pictures

The sophomore calendars have arrived on the campus, and the committee in charge are distributing them to the members of the class for sale. They are particularly attractive this year. The cover is of dark brown leather, with a mission finish. Embossed with the seal of the University, and an attractive pattern. There is no coloring, or work in gold leaf, as is often the case. The pattern of the embossing, however, is particularly beautiful, and the outward appearance of the calendar is particularly attractive.

The calendar this year has been dedicated to Professor George Ware Stephens, head of the department of Economics and Sociology at the University. On the first page of the calendar is a full page cut of Professor Stephens. Following this are the usual illustrations of the Calendar. There are pictures of the football team, the baseball team, track team, cross-country team, the cadet officers, action athletic pictures, musical club pictures, scenes of the campus, and a number of other interesting cuts, one of the best of which is a cut of the three varsity captains, Rice of track, Gorham of football, and Pendleton of Baseball.

Androscoggin Students Organize Association

F. O. Stephens '17 Elected President—To Work in Co-operation Alumni Body

The students of Androscoggin County have formed an undergraduate association to work in connection with the Androscoggin Valley Alumni Association. This new organization contains sixty-five members among whom are some very active men in the university.

The officers of the association are: President, F. Owen Stephens of Auburn; Vice-president, M. L. Davis of Sabattus; and Weston B. Haskell of Auburn, Secretary and Treasurer.

A banquet and smoker will be held in Lewiston on December 26th when the Alumni and undergraduates will meet at the DeWitt Hotel. A pleasant time is being looked for by all and any students that are to be nearby at that time should plan to attend if possible.

Elects Wunderlich Their Leader

Cross-Country Team Chooses At Annual Banquet At President's Reception

At the annual dinner to the University of Maine cross-country team given by President and Mrs. Robert Judson Alely at the President's house on the campus Tuesday night, Albert W. Wunderlich of Arlington, Mass., was elected captain of the cross country team for the season of 1917. Wunderlich has made an excellent record in cross country sport during his three years here, and the choice of him for captain is a popular one.

Those at the dinner included Dr. Young, director of Physical training; Dr. McCarthy, trainer, and Stephen Dunham, manager of the cross-country team, and Emery, Preti, Dempsey, Wunderlich, and King of the team.

Track Club Makes Big Plans for Season

To Have Dance After Holidays—Run a Pressing Room in Oak Hall

The Track Club held a very lively meeting at the Sigma Nu House Thursday evening. Many plans were made for the coming weeks after Christmas vacation at which time this club intends to take a leading place in college activities.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a dance to be given immediately after the holidays. The members in charge are John Ramsay '18, Charlie A. Rice '17, and S. M. Dunham '18. The Track Club dances are usually leaders in the social events of the university every year and this dance is bound not to prove any exception to the rule.

Another new stunt this club is to undertake is to run a clothes-pressing room next semester. This is to be located in Oak Hall and operated by the Track Club. The rates of pressing are to be low and service and work of first class quality. This has long been needed on the campus and should receive liberal support from the university, students, and faculty. The committee on this consists of Coach T. M. McCarthy, H. P. DeCoster '19, W. A. Cosgrove '19, and W. B. Haskell '17.

The Track Club is one of the most active organizations in college and does much work along track lines and interesting new students in the university. The officers are; Treasurer, S. M. Dunham '18, and Secretary, H. N. Jones '18.

U. of M. Socialists Shy!

The eighth Annual Convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, to be held in New York City on December 28th, 29th, and 30th, promises to be a distinct success. The principal meeting of the Convention from the standpoint of the general public will be the Convention dinner to be held in the Palm Garden on Friday evening, December 29th, at 6:30 o'clock. The subject of the dinner will be "What Should be the Foreign Policy of the United States?" Morris Hillquit, one of the foremost Socialists of this country, will represent the Socialist point of view. Willard D. Straight of the International Corporation and negotiator of the American side of the Chinese loan, will be present to answer questions arising from the discussion and will give the viewpoint of the big investors. Gardner L. Harding, author of "Present Day China", a regular contributor for Everybody's Magazine and one of the editors of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Chinese Republic at the time of the Chinese revolution, will give the radical point of view. Professor Vida D. Scudder of Wellesley will preside.

There is some question at the University of Maine as to whether or not interest is sufficiently keen to send delegates to this convention. There is no active socialist society here and Maine

While you can't fool all the people all of the time, there are those who are willing to try it. probably will not be represented.

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EDITORIALS

WHEN WE RETURN

Soon the season for the making of resolutions will come, and as the time draws near for each to formulate in his mind the schemes and plans for the year that is coming, it seems that no one should forget the needs of his university, and the part each of us here at Maine has to play in the general scheme of bringing about certain desired ends.

The Campus has reference particularly to those branches of student activity which could be made so strong and effective if certain tendencies were to be overcome, and certain new principles incorporated in the methods which govern the procedure of these organizations. One thing is evident to one who will give a little thought to the situation at Maine. There are too many organizations and too little organization. Add to this the fact that a large majority of the men who are to be found in one, will be found in another, and the whole situation can be summed up as meaning that too few men are being depended on for the bulk of student management and student opinion. This situation is so familiar that it seems unnecessary to go into detail about it.

Above is a version of the way things look, and for the most part, the way things are. Now as to what can be done about it. Obviously, the reason for the unequal distribution of responsibility is because of the entire willingness on the part of so many to let everything be handled by those who are willing though not anxious to assume the responsibilities. Of course there is only one term that will describe this feeling, and that is lack of interest, or, as some would say lack of Maine spirit. We have discussed Maine spirit before, and will again, and as often as circumstances demand it. What the particular situation at hand demands is that each student return to Maine after the recess with renewed vigor, new interest in what is going on around him; a firm resolve to have some little part in the way things are to go, as far as he is able to, and a keen desire to see more equal distribution of responsibility. It has been said that if it should happen that certain twenty men were to be removed at once from the university, there would follow a slump in general activity that would be keenly felt. This may or may not be true, at least it is something to think about.

There is always a chance to advance ideas in class meeting. Too few take advantage of the opportunities offered here. Too little thought is put upon placing the right men on important committees, and too little support is given those who are put on. If each one would come back in January determined to have some part in the things that are really his, determined to

strive for greater things through the medium of class and inter-class organization, realizing that there is much that can, and should be done, and that it is up to each to have part in the doing, there will result a stronger, more worthy student body, and one that will be really capable of taking up and handling with credit, the affairs that face us all.

Dean Hart Tells of Admission Plan

After a Fair Trial Results are Satisfactory and System will be Continued.

James Norris Hart, dean of the University, recently speaking at the university office, of the results of the University of Maine plan of admission adopted in 1912, stated that the new plan would undoubtedly be continued, and that as operated at the university during the last four years the results have been satisfactory to the authorities, and fully warrant the continuation of the system.

Up to 1912 for a number of years the University of Maine had been a member of the group of institutions represented by the New England College certificate board. Maine is the pioneer of the new system among the New England colleges, though it is a method commonly used by the colleges throughout the central states. In discussion the matter, Dean Hart first stated what the plan really is. There seems to be to a mistaken idea in the minds of some, said he, that any graduate of a Maine high school is entitled to admission to the university. This is not true. Any graduate of a Maine A class school who has passed to the satisfaction of the school authorities all the subjects specified in our catalog for admission to the curriculum that he wishes to pursue and other acceptable subjects sufficient to make a total of 14½ units, is admitted to the Freshman class in that curriculum. The theory of the plan is, that just a graduation from the grammar school entitles the pupil to admission to the high school, so graduation from high school should entitle him to admission to college.

Dean Hart then submitted a number of statistics which showed the effect that the change has had upon the Freshman class at the university. The figures showed details with regard to admissions, freshman ranks, and the percentage of freshmen obliged to leave the university under the new plan as compared with the results under the old plan, together with a comparison of the ranks of students from small sized, and from the larger schools.

These figures show that the freshman class has increased from 162 in 1911 to 345 in 1915, a gain of 213 per cent. The gain during the preceding seven years, 1904 to 1911 was from 88 to 162, 84 per cent. The average number of units offered by candidates in 1911 was 13.8, in 1915, 15.1. The percentage admitted without conditions, average for 1910 and 1911, 53½; average for 1913, 1914, and 1915, 71 per cent. Admitted from Maine schools in 1910 and 1911, 77.3 per cent; 1913 to 1915, 81.6 per cent.

In 1910, 89 freshmen were admitted from 47 Maine schools; 1915, 281 freshmen from 99 schools. Fifty-seven Maine schools were represented in the university in 1915 that were not represented in the years 1910 and 1911.

Average grades for the fall term of the freshman year were slightly better for the four years under the new plan for the last two years under the old.

Grades of students from the three classes of schools, small medium sized, and large, show no great advantage for one class over the other. Average freshman grades are one letter lower than the average high school grade.

Freshman mortality is slightly increased, but is not larger than is shown by other colleges, in fact it is less than the average for state universities.

Students dropped from the university do not come from any particular class of schools.

Students admitted with low rank are not uniformly unsuccessful in college. Occasionally a man admitted on probation because of low ranks makes honors during his freshman year.

Deny it as much as you please, but you pay attention to what the neighbors say, all right.

Maine's Record System Receives Recognition

Books Issued with Models Praises University's Forms.

Mention of the fact that the University of Maine keeps salary curves of its engineers according to years out of college was mentioned in a publication, "Record Aids In College Management" put out by the Institute for Public Services of New York City.

This book is a compilation of the best record forms now in use in 53 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The purposes of the book are to indicate some progressive tendencies in education as reflected in college records; to show how student welfare and educational efficiency are being promoted by means of meaningful questions and records; and to further higher education, enhance student benefits and lighten the labor of college officers by means of extending the standardizing the use of college records.

Indolence often stands back and guys industry.

Useless questions are apt to get that kind of answers.

Some men have so much system it interferes with their work.

There are also those who feel they can afford anything they can get.

A boy with a new sled isn't alarmed at the prospect of a hard winter.

Neither is Santa Claus always as good natured as he looks in his pictures. Its up to you to make him so.

TO ORGANIZE LEAGUE FOR COMING WINTER

Interfraternity Council to Arrange Matches on the Bangor Alleys.

INTER-FRAT BOWLING

The Inter-Fraternity Council of the university will again organize an interfraternity bowling league this winter. The matches will be rolled on the bowlingdrome alleys in Bangor and several prizes have already been offered.

Last winter there was a great deal of interest aroused in the fraternities through the medium of the bowling contests. Some very good scores were made and on several occasions a representative of some fraternity team won the prize for high score for the day. There are to be several changes in the way the matches will be handled, so as to provide a match each time one is scheduled.

This year a big prize will be given to the fraternity making the highest score and individual prizes will be offered to those making the best record for the series, and also for those who make high marks at a separate match. Already there is a lively interest evident and there seems to be little doubt as to the success of the idea. It is not yet certain just when the first match will be held, but all arrangements are hoped to be made soon after the Christmas recess.

"The university authorities," says Prof. Jones, "have never found the fraternities the problem at Maine that they have been in some institutions. They have proved helpful in promoting the welfare of their members, morally and intellectually."

Tufts students voted almost unanimously in favor of creating a student council.

"WITH OUR GRADS"

Charles Dole, '16, is with Stone and Webster, in Boston, in the sales department.

Fred Sargent, ex-'17, is employed as inspector in one of the great munition factories at Bridgeport, Conn.

Perry Bailey, '15, is assistant superintendent in one of the departments of the Tennessee Copper Company, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Ellis McKeen, '12, has left Leavitt Institute, where he was sub-master, to accept a position as principal of Washburn High School, Washburn, Maine. McKeen was prominent while in the U. of M. being a letter man in baseball, and cheer leader.

J. H. Grey, ex-'18, is busily employed teaching a graded school in North Lubec, Maine. He expects to visit friends in Bangor during the Christmas recess.

You are right occasionally, when there are but two ways to guess.

No doctor can take care of you as well as you can take care of yourself.

A fool is a person who scores a success and then develops a temperament

The conservation of natural resource should also begin at home, like charity.

What has become of the old-fashioned fiddler who didn't claim to be a violin virtuoso?

There are plenty of schemes; the trouble is so many of them won't work.

A pupil extracts considerable consolation from a mistake made by the teacher.

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Teacher's Agency Extends Privileges

Work of the Agency—Meeting
with Approval of Educators.

The teachers' agency, established last year at the University under management of the University Appointment Committee, of which Dean Stevens, of the College of Arts and Sciences is chairman, this year extended the privileges of the agency, to the summer term students and all who were teachers, or expected to teach, were enabled to enjoy the privileges offered free of charge.

This agency was established at the University for the purpose of aiding students in securing a position as teacher, or in securing a better position when possible. It is at the office of this agency, also, that the record of all graduates of the University is kept, and it is here that school authorities find the records of applicants for positions when such records are desired. This method is of direct advantage to school authorities, in that the man recommended for a position is always the one who in the opinion of the committee and members of the faculty with whom he did the greater part of his work, is best fitted to fill the position.

By means of a series of blanks, and forms sent out at intervals from time to time the committee kept their information revised to date, and have an accurate record of the ability and knowledge of all graduates and students who are in the teaching profession. All members enrolled cooperate with the committee in the matter of vacancies, and school authorities find here a reliable means of filling vacant positions.

Another important branch of the bureau, is the matter of recommendations. The committee are in a position to know intimately the student's grade, and ability, and keep an accurate record of his career. Requests for information are always answered by the committee, and students enrolled are always at liberty to offer its committee as a reference in the matter of applications for positions, or when enrolling in other agencies. In cases of vacancies the committee not only sends letters of recommendation, but also watches the development of each individual case, sees to it that references are forwarded by proper members of the faculty who are acquainted with the student and know of his work and ability. All recommendations are regarded as confidential by the committee, and apply strictly to the case in hand. No general letters of recommendation are written.

At a concert given in the gymnasium of the University this year one of the selections sung there was composed and the words were written by Professor G. W. Thompson. The selection was a beautiful work entitled "Within Love's Arms."

The first two verses of Professor Thompson's composition follow:—

When in Love's Arms to bliss invited,
To ye life's sweet enjoyments call.
On me one glance alone has lighted
Yet I am rich beyond you all.

I yield earth's joys without resistance,
And as a martyr gaze on high,
For over me in golden distance
There opens a celestial sky.

This selection was a feature of the concert and warmly applauded by the audience; though not more than two or three present, perhaps, knew that Professor Thompson who played the accompaniment was its composer.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN HALL

Neal Sherwood, a member of the extension department, owing to ill health, has returned to his home in Cherryfield.

L. Vrooman '18, and K. Nickerson '20, will go to Cranberry Isle to do some deputation work.

Barclay Pickard '20, who is unable to return to his home in Denver, Colorado, for the holidays, will spend his Christmas recess with Herbert Watkins '17, at his home in Portland.

George Hanson '17, and Hank Andrews '17, will spend the holidays doing lumbering field work in Northern Maine.

Edward H. Kelly '19, is one of the contestants for the motorcyle which is given, free to the competitor holding the greatest number of coupons and package fronts, by Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company.

Scoop's Column

VACATION DOPE

At last vacation has arrived and we are going home; on this account I feel so glad, I'm going to write a "pome". I'll be content to leave this place with all its frost and snow; my blood is freezing in my veins, I'm not an Eskimo. I dread this Christmas-present stuff, it gets my wooly beast. I see that necktie coming now from Auntie way down east; and handkerchiefs and such junk from cousins I never saw, but gifts that I would like to get I never seem to draw. But never mind, when we get home our troubles we'll forget; we'll see our friends of former days (if they're not married yet.) The boys will see their old girls now and test their faithfulness, but more than one will come back here with no pin on his vest. So have your good times while you can; exams will soon be here. I wish you merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

No, gentle reader, Walt Mason did not write the above.

The following quotation from the Amherst Student is a part of one of the editorials—

"Reports are current that Freshmen are cribbing right and left. We trust that they are unfounded—etc."

My goodness! What a terrible state of affairs! The very idea of those little devils fooling their poor unsuspecting profs. My, my! They ought to have their wrists slapped. It's funny how some boys will cut up when they get away from home.

QUESTIONS STILL COMING

1. Dear Mr. Scoop—

How can I keep two men on my string without letting them overlap?

AGNES.

Well, Ag, how big is your lap? You must be one of the few co-eds that my critical and appraising eye has not rested on. From the tone of your letter, I should say that you have been seeing Theda Bara lately. I'll admit it must be rather embarrassing for you to be sitting on the old hair-cloth sofa with one of your ardent admirers, and just as he is about to move up a little closer, to hear the doorbell ring, and find that your other Romeo has called. If you cannot be content without both of them, you had better arrange them to fool each other. When Lover No. 1 calls and you and he are interrupted by having Lover No. 2 intrude upon the scene, shove No. 1 under the carpet or some other inconspicuous place until you have eaten No. 2's candy and sent him home. Then get the vacuum cleaner and look for No. 1 again.

2. Dear Scoop—

I would like to become active in some Sunday School endeavor work. I am told that there is a Mission in Oldtown. Can you get me in touch with it and get me started in my work.

ARCHIE.

Yes, Archie, somebody told me about that Mission too. There is one, all right. Whoever told you about that sure said something. Now it makes a lot of difference whether you want to go into Sunday School work, or whether you wish to affiliate yourself with a Mission. In the former case, I couldn't give you very much sound advice, for I had much rather you would consult someone whose experience in that line is more extensive. However, I will leave that to your judgement. Now in regard to the Mission. Are you quite sure that you want me to get you in touch with it? I don't mind saying that I almost hesitate to start you in that direction. Of course, many a student who was as noble-minded as you are has had a similar desire to get in touch with the Mission. And quite a good many of them have been "hitting the trail" ever since. On second thought, Archie, I guess you had better give up your fond hopes of getting into the Oldtown Mission. It is pretty dangerous to be around a third rail, you know.

3. My dear Scoop—

I am a young man, attending college here at Maine in the Freshman class. Lately I have seen a young lady flitting about our campus who has been constantly in my mind since the first time I saw her. In fact, I have been able to think of very little else of late. I would like very much to meet this young lady, and to suggest an evening at the movies, or at some equally amusing diversion. Unfortunately, however, I am very bashful, in fact, I may truthfully say that I am bashful to the n th degree. Such is my problem, and I have turned to you for help in my hour of distress. Will you direct the light of your superior knowledge upon my case, and rescue me from this difficulty?

BASHFUL.

Wait a minute, Bashful, until I get my slide-rule. I can't figure out the n th degree of bashfulness in my head. Now lessee. Where had you been the night before you saw this young lady "flitting" about our campus? I never happened to see one flit. Well, you might write her a nice note, telling her of your adoration for her, etc. Ask Holsey Wing to deliver it to her for you. You might include in the note, an invitation for her to attend General Lecture with you. Why spend money on the movies? Arrange with Mr. Jones, the librarian, for a private room in which you can meet her every day. After you once get acquainted, do not allow her to speak to any other fellows or to attend any dances with anyone but yourself. Girls like to be told what they can do and what they can't do. Try to be a regular cave-man if she resents your commands. You will soon lose your bashful ways in this method of procedure.

By the way, I notice that you refer to my superior knowledge in your letter. Of course I admit it willingly, but I wish it were as easy to convince certain profs regarding it was to convince you.

Thass all for this time. So long until 1917.

SIGMA CHI INITIATION

The Rho Rho Chapter of Sigma Chi initiated the following men at the chapter house Friday and Saturday, December 8-9th. Albert C. MacGee '20 Portland, Stanton Glover '20 Rockland, Plinn Dempsey '20 Dorchester, Mass., Donald S. Laughlin '20 Portland, Arthur C. Freeman '20 Lawrence, Mass., Alfred B. Lingley '20 Portland, Richard H. Howell '20 Portland, Paul T. Johnson '20 Bar Harbor, Robert W. Thompson '20 Fitchburg, Mass.

The initiation banquet was held at The Colonial in Bangor at 9:00 o'clock Saturday evening, December 9th. Among the speakers of the evening

were Professor J. H. Huddleston '02, toastmaster; A. O. DuHamel '17 Dartmouth, C. M. Angell '17, and H. Wood '17, M. I. T., P. A. Armstrong '17 Brown, Professor C. H. Lekberg '07, H. P. Sweetser '10, A. G. Durgin '09, B. E. Grant '17, A. C. Freeman '20, P. L. Wyld ex-'19, and P. C. Curtis ex-'19.

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"Cock-a-doodle-dooooo! Cock-a-doodle-dooooo!" "Cluck, Cluck, cluck, ka daa kut!" Students at nine o'clock classes in Coburn Hall Monday morning were startled abruptly out of their various degrees of attention and inattention to lessons by a sudden outburst of good spirits, very evidently possessed by certain barnyard fowls, and coming from the general direction of the basement of the building. Everyone wondered what it was all about. Had Professor Sprague become discouraged with his class in music and decided to try his skill on creatures showing more aptitude and ability than the students, or was Professor Corbett simply bringing his prize hens over to make a social morning call on Professor Chrysler's noted cats? No one seemed to know, but it was soon plain that the visitors were very ill-mannered, since they kept interfering with recitations in a most disgraceful manner.

Over in Room 8, Professor Stephens was hearing a class in sociology. "Is there," he asked, "such a thing as absolute right or wrong?" "Cock-a-doodle-doo," came the emphatic reply from out in the corridor, and in spite of Professor Stephens' explanations to the contrary the bird insisted on the correctness of his views, and persisted in discussing the matter over and over until the end of the period. Upstairs in Room 11 the class in American history fared no better, some of the students remarking later that the rooster acted as if he, and the eagle, were our national bird, and therefore had all the right in the world to participate in a United States history recitation.

The birds were later found to be prize fowls of Dr. Pearl's with pedigrees that might well cause envy, brought into the Genetics lecture room by Dr. Chrysler to illustrate the Mendelian ratios in inherited characteristics. The lecture was one of exceptional value, in as much as many points in inheritance were explained here that have just been worked out in the experimental laboratories, and have as yet not been published. The work in Genetics is all comparatively recent, and from year to year every text finds itself out of date. So great is the amount of experimental work being done, that in order to keep up to date, the work must be taken first hand from the laboratories. Dr. Chrysler has also a number of fruit flies, made famous by the experiments of Morgan at Columbia, which he is breeding to illustrate some of these newer principles, particularly in the chromosome theory. The fruit flies are less noisy than the "birds".

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Alpha Chi Sigma Reception

The cast was composed of the following members of the fraternity; C. Jortberg '18, C. C. Small '18, Benson '18, D. W. Norton '18; taking the parts of students; W. B. Beckler '17, in the role of a slave; Wardwell '17, M. O. Smith '17, T. Kloss '17, F. G. Sherman '17, R. Pierce '17, were alchemists, and W. E. Brawn '17, was alchemist and Master of the Guild.

Jortberg, Small, and Brawn had parts for which they were exceedingly well fitted, and with the other members of the cast they did their parts justice.

H. S. Hooper '18, was stage manager, Carter '17, property man, and E. I. Clapp '17, electrician who made possible such good lighting effects.

After being called upon, Professor Stephenson, read an original verse, into which he brought the names of the faculty members of the department, and a few of the students, in a heartily jovial manner.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The college orchestra played several fine selections, and the affair was brought to an end by all "coming in" on the Stein Song.

This form of entertainment was surely the biggest thing of its kind ever undertaken by the honorary chemistry fraternity, so it was all the more encouraging when turned out to be such an exceptional success.

Time teaches a man that there is never as much going on as youngsters think there should be.

Prof. Jones Gives Story of Maine's Fraternities

Article in Fernald History Tells
Interesting Story.

An article recently written by Prof. Ralph K. Jones, librarian at the University of Maine, and published in the Fernald History of the University, gives an interesting account of the fraternity history at the University of Maine. There are at the present time 15 fraternities on the campus, enrolling approximately 60 per cent. of the students, and the fraternity system forms an important part of the University life.

The first fraternity was established at Maine when but two classes had graduated and when the institution had been open less than six years. The time was opportune, for the enrollment was 121, and the fraternity material was abundant.

There was, however, at this time one important factor that militated against fraternities at Maine. This was the hostility of the classical colleges to the land grant colleges, and the consequent reluctance of existing fraternities to enter them. At this time the only institutions existing under the land grant in which chapters had been placed were Cornell, Illinois and Virginia Polytechnic, and no chapter had been established in any of the older state universities at so early a period of its life.

In view of this attitude of the Greek letter fraternities a group of men accepted a charter from Q. T. V., founded at the Massachusetts Agricultural college in 1869. The college authorities were inclined to look with doubt at this time upon the fraternity idea, but a committee waited upon the president and gave him the information concerning the organization that he desired. Dr. M. C. Fernald, then professor of mathematics and physics, and himself a fraternity man used his influence in favor of the new organization. A statement of the principles and objects of the fraternity was laid before the trustees which proved satisfactory to that body.

The next society to be formed was the C. E. society, but they declined an offer of the chapter from a national society, having their minds made up to obtain a charter from a Greek letter fraternity. This society was finally taken into Alpha Sigma Chi which latter society united later with Beta Theta Pi. This then marks the coming of the first of the fraternities now established on the campus to the University.

The next in order to be established was the society K. K. F., which was taken into the Kappa Sigma fraternity a Greek letter society established in the days of the early universities, about 1400, at the University of Bologna in Italy. Kappa Sigma spread throughout southern Europe, and later into France. From France it spread to America, and the first American chapter was established at the University of Virginia. The University of Maine chapter is the first northern chapter of the fraternity.

In 1899 the number of undergraduates had increased to 130, and a fourth fraternity was organized, S. I. U., which later entered Alpha Tau Omega. It was not until 1898 that the next national made its appearance on the campus, in Phi Kappa Sigma; the next following was Sigma Alpha Epsilon, charter being granted in 1901. The following year Sigma Chi granted a local organization a chapter.

Q. T. V. members of the University of Maine chapter since 1891 had become dissatisfied with that fraternity. The lack of the success of the fraternities extension policy had much to do with this, and the Orono chapter withdrew in 1899, and entered Phi Gamma Delta.

Phi Eta Kappa was organized in 1906, and Delta Kappa followed in 1909. The latter united with Lambda Chi Alpha in 1913. Other Nationals have since that time granted charters to Maine Organizations, among which are Theta Chi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Delta Phi, (legal), Delta Tau Delta, Phi Alpha Delta, (legal), Phi Mu, Sigma Nu, and Alpha Theta.

The first house at Maine erected for a fraternity was the Kappa Sigma house built by the college for that fraternity, under an agreement providing for purchase by the fraternity. The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity rented the Paul Webster house, on North Main Street, in Orono, and purchased it in 1908. Since that time others of the fraternities have purchased, built, or rented houses.

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While the number of German people in the state at the present time is not great, it is evident from the names of the places in many parts of the state that the Germans were here when these places were young. Waldo, Frankfort, and many other names are all of German origin. The story of the settling of these places said Professor Thompson is one of the most pathetic stories, and one of the most tragic imaginable.

In the early days of American settlement, the king gave grants of land to the people who were settling here. One of these strips was a piece of land between the Piscataquis and the Penobscot rivers, with the northern border very indefinitely defined. Trouble came over this land eventually, and it was a German by the name of Waldo who was sent to the king to protest, and he was so successful that the king's overseer, who had proved himself so troublesome to the people was removed. As a recompense, so great was the joy of the settlers, they granted Waldo half of the entire grant for his work. He was a shrewd man, and one who knew how to drive a bargain. He saw the value of his land, and immediately sent agents to Germany to get settlers sending to the princes and farmers, and posting notices in the towns.

Fine promises were made to these people to come to a new land. The people who came were a peaceful sort of people, and when they arrived they were literally dumped on the shores and told to exist. They soon had trouble with the Indians, and suffered attack after attack. However, in 1760 peace was declared with the Indians and an era of great prosperity arose for these people. They began to build up a strong colony, and the newer settlers that came here were of a high class of people. They included the type that makes leaders, men and women with education. Mills were established, and they grew barley and grain, and exported some of their products to the West Indies.

Trouble soon arose again, this time over the right that these people had to their land, and after suffering every kind of trial and hardship most of these families that withstood the hardships moved away. And the end of the German's career in the State of Maine soon came, says Professor Thompson, when the few that were left were absorbed by the English and French. The career was a hard and difficult one, and the German perhaps had little to thank Maine for. They have made good citizens in localities where they have settled he said, and would doubtless have been of value to the state had they been permitted to remain.

Their entire story is to be taken up point by point by Professor Thompson in his series of articles to appear in the Sprague's Journal, and in view of the interesting works of Professor Thompson already familiar particularly to Maine people, these articles will be much to look forward to.

One of the sergeants who are to assist Lieutenant Hickam in the discharge of his duties with the Maine regiment has arrived in Orono, from Burlington, Vt. He is Sergeant Boswell, and has served in the cavalry and infantry. He has seen service in the Philippines, and in Mexico. For the past three years he has been stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, near Burlington. There is no doubt but what the heads of the military department mean to carry the instruction along as fast as the men are able to get it, and with the enthusiasm that is so prevalent at this time, it is almost certain that when inspection time comes, there will be an organization at Maine of which the university may well be proud.

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